

**REMARKS**

**I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-4 are pending and under consideration. It is respectfully submitted that the rejection is traversed.

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner requested a full translation of JP '816. It is respectfully submitted that Applicants are in the process of obtaining the translation of JP'816 and will be submitting it as soon as it is available.

**II. CLAIMS 1 AND 2 ARE REJECTED UNDER 35 USC 102(b) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY JP '816 ABSTRACT**

JP '816 discloses that when the polymer chain of the polymeric resin is oriented, the distribution of the birefringence compensation granules is rendered thin in the orientation direction of the polymer chain and dense in the direction intersecting the orientation direction.

In contrast, JP '816 does not anticipate that the inorganic fine particles have an "orientation-birefringence by which that of the polymer resin is reinforced if major axis direction of the inorganic fine particle are parallel with an orientation direction of bonding chains of said polymer resin and is cancelled if major axis direction of the inorganic fine particles are perpendicular to the orientation direction of bonding chains of said polymer resin" as recited in claim 1. (Emphasis added)

JP '816 also has no mention of "said bonding chains of said polymer resin orientated to an orientation direction corresponding to an external force acted in said flowing."

Accordingly, claim 1 is not anticipated by JP '816 and patentably distinguishes over the cited art.

Claim 2 depends from claim 1 and includes all of the features of that claim, plus additional features that are not taught or suggested by the cited art and therefore patentably distinguishes over the cited art.

**III. CLAIMS 3 AND 4 ARE REJECTED UNDER 35 USC 102(b) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, UNDER 35 USC 103(a) AS BEING OBVIOUS OVER JP '816**

Claim 3 recites:

wherein said inorganic fine particles have an orientation-birefringence by which that of the polymer resin is reinforced if

major axis directions of the inorganic fine particles **are parallel with an orientation direction of bonding chains of said polymer resin and is cancelled if major axis directions of the inorganic fine particles are perpendicular to the orientation direction of bonding chains of said polymer resin**, comprising:

**causing a great number of inorganic fine particles to coexist with and dispersed in a transparent polymer resin in a flowing state**, thereby orienting said bonding chains of said polymer resin to a direction in correspondence to that of said flowing and orienting said great number of inorganic fine particles to be approximately perpendicular to a direction of said flowing.  
(Emphasis added)

In view of the above argument, it is respectfully submitted that claim 3 is not taught or suggest by JP '816 and patentably distinguishes over the cited art.

Claim 4 depends from claim 3 and includes all of the features of that claim, plus additional features that are not taught or suggested by the cited art and therefore patentably distinguishes over the cited art.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

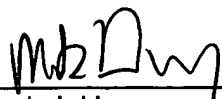
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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